



Cultural Arts & Community Events April 2012 Calendar Of Events

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Cultural Arts & Community Events programs: www.artslasvegas.org

City of Las Vegas website: www.lasvegasparksandrec.com

PROGRAMS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Ethnic Express International Folk Dancing (ages 8+)

Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.

Cost: \$4 dollars per person per week. Pay at the door.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., (702) 229-6383.

Have an evening of international fun learning Armenian, Bulgarian, Israeli, Arabic, Macedonian, Russian, Greek, Turkish, Chinese and Serbian folk dances and more. No need to bring a partner. For more information, call 229-6383 or visit www.ethnicexpresslasvegas.org.

Scottish Country Dancing (ages 13+)

Fridays, 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.

Cost: \$5 per person at the door; \$4 for members of Southern Nevada Old Time Contra Dancers.

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Scottish country dancing celebrates the beautiful ballroom dance styles of Scotland and can be lively and joyful or gentle and graceful. From the first chord to the final bow or curtsy, participants will be inspired by the driving reels, jaunty jigs, snappy strathspeys or lilting airs. Dancers should wear comfortable clothes and soft shoes. For more information, call 229-6383 or 656-9513, or visit www.artslasvegas.org.

Rainbow Company Spring Break Drama Workshop (grades 2-6)

Monday-Friday, April 2-6, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cost: \$135 per youth. Advance registration required.

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Rainbow Company's annual five-day drama workshop will include theatre games, acting exercises, improvisation, rehearsal skills and fun! A final performance for family and friends will be held Saturday morning, April 7, on the main theatre stage. Go online to www.artslasvegas.org or call (702) 229-6553 for more information or to register.

USA Ballroom Dance (ages 13+)

Saturday, April 7, 7 to 11 p.m.; dance lesson at 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 for USA Dance Members, military, and students ages 13-25; \$10 for non-members. Pay at the door.

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Cosponsored by the USA Dance Las Vegas Chapter #4038, a local chapter of the national organization [USA Dance](http://www.usadancelasvegas.org). USA Dance Las Vegas is a volunteer organization, dedicated to the promotion of Ballroom dancing. Call (702) 813-6694 or (702) 229-6383 for more information, or go online to www.usadancelasvegas.org.

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Contra Dance with live band (all ages)

Saturday, April 14. Group lesson 6:30 p.m.; dance 7 to 10 p.m.

Cost: \$7 adults; \$5 members, students and military; \$3 children under 16 and non-dancing adults. Pay at the door.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., (702) 229-6383.

Dance to the live music of an acoustic band playing joyful fiddle tunes, driving reels and a waltz or two.

All dances are taught and called; newcomers and families are welcomed. No need to bring a partner.

Wear comfortable flat-soled shoes and casual clothing. For more information, call 656-9513 or 229-

6383. Cosponsored by the Southern Nevada Old Time Contra Dancers.

Downtown Cultural Series - Randel McGee Portrays Hans Christian Andersen (all ages)

Friday, April 20, noon.

Free and open to the public.

Lloyd D. George Federal Courthouse Jury Assembly Room, 333 Las Vegas Blvd. South.

Storyteller, actor and artist Randel McGee brings Hans Christian Andersen to life in a performance that combines stories from the life and imagination of this world-beloved author. Andersen would often amaze his listeners by making elaborate designs cut from paper with scissors while he told his tales; McGee does the same. This performance will entertain people of all ages with wit, satire, fantasy and a lively performance style. Call (702) 229-3515 for more information.

Good Lovelies Concert (all ages)

Saturday, April 21, 8 p.m.

Tickets: \$10 in advance and \$15 on event day.

Historic Fifth Street School, 401 S. Fourth St., (702) 229-3515.

Funny and upbeat, with just a pinch of sass, the Good Lovelies' three-part harmonies, constant instrument swapping and witty on-stage banter have enlivened the folk music landscape since they joined forces in 2006 for their first show in Toronto. This concert is funded in part by a grant from the Nevada Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. For more information on the performers, go online to www.goodlovelies.com/ or goodlovelies.blogspot.com/. Call (702) 229-3515 for more information.

Rainbow Company Youth Theatre Presents "Sleeping Beauty" (all ages)

April 27-28, May 4-5 at 7 p.m.; April 29, May 5-6 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for teens/seniors/military and \$3 for children, age 12 and younger.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., (702) 229-6383.

This gleeful version of the age-old tale features a weapons-wise, no-nonsense heroine, who combats a malevolent wizard and his bumbling sidekick. Go online to www.artslasvegas.org or call 229-6383 or 229-6553 for tickets and information.

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“A Call to Healing” Youth Conference (ages 10-16)

Saturday, April 28, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Free and open to Clark County School District students. Advance registration is required.

West Las Vegas Arts Center, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., (702) 229-4800.

All youth ages 10 to 16 years are invited to the first West Las Vegas Arts Center's Youth Conference. The goal is to encourage youth to become independent-thinking adults. The conference provides the necessary tools to empower and to enlighten young men and women during their transition into adulthood. The conference will focus on thought-provoking dialogues to foster clear communication between young men and women and to find clear solutions to youth problems and community issues, such as education, choices, self-respect, bullying and gang violence. We ask that young men wear a white shirt, tie and black slacks and young ladies wear a white blouse and black pants or skirt. Selected Clark County schools will participate in the opening celebrations. Applications are available; call 229-4800 to register and arrange to pick up your free ticket. The event is cosponsored by the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, West Las Vegas Library.

Exhibitions**“Mama’s Fabric” Visual Arts Exhibit****Artist John Broussard**

Through May 5; Wednesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Free admission and open to the public.

West Las Vegas Arts Center Gallery, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., (702) 229-4800.

"Mama's Fabric" centers on Beatrice Dixon, an extraordinary mother who was a community organizer and who believed deeply in the goodness of people and in the American dream. She became a mother figure to people from all walks of life, and once it became known that she had a passion for sewing, people began providing her with beautiful pieces of fabric. She passed away in 2002, at the age of 90. As a result of her passion for people and sewing, the artist combined her collection of fabrics with his photographic skills to bring more than 30 Americans from diverse ethnic backgrounds together to tell about their family's journey through America and how they feel about being an American. For more information, call 229-4800.

“VegasScapes” Exhibit (all ages)

March 5-**May 1**, Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (note change)

Free admission and open to the public.

City Hall Chamber Gallery, 495 S. Main St., Second Floor, (702) 229-1012.

This is the first exhibit in the new City Hall Chamber Gallery. This space generally will feature two-dimensional works of art. The work shown in this first exhibit includes paintings and pastels of cityscapes from downtown Las Vegas and the surrounding areas. Artists included in the exhibit are Abraham Abebe, Jane Marquez, and Kathleen Strukoff. Visitors may use the parking garage located at 500 S. Main St., across from City Hall. Parking will be by paid meter only. Call (702) 229-1012 for more information or visit www.artslasvegas.org.

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UNLV Student Sculpture Exhibit (all ages)

March 5-May 31, Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Free admission and open to the public.

City Hall Terrace Gallery, 495 S. Main St., Second Floor, (702) 229-1012.

This is the first exhibit in the new City Hall Terrace Gallery. This gallery will feature three-dimensional works of art. This first exhibit will highlight work by artists attending the UNLV Art Department for their master's degrees. Those artists are Austin Dickson, Noelle Garcia, Scott Grow, Fred Mitchell, and Heather Younger. Visitors may use the parking garage located at 500 S. Main St., across from City Hall. Parking will be by paid meter only. Call (702) 229-1012 for more information or visit www.artslasvegas.org.

“Viva les Femmes” Exhibit

March 15-May 7; open during reception and by appointment.

Historic Fifth Street School Mayor's Gallery, 401 S. Fourth St., (702) 229-1012.

This is a collection of artwork by and about women in celebration of March as Women's Heritage month. Artists' statements will be displayed with each piece to elaborate on how each piece is tied to women's heritage. Artists featured in the exhibit are Lauren Adkins, Muriel Areno, Linda Alterwitz, Randa Bishop, Shari Bray, Ginger Bruner, Diane Bush, Lisa Fields Clark, Margaret DeClerk, Lolita Develay, Fawn Douglas, Marylou Evans, Amanda Farrar, Susanne Forestieri, Leslie Fox, Noelle Garcia, Rose Herrera-Garcia, Merrilee Hortt, Bobbie Ann Howell, Jennifer Kleven, Briney Lindemuth, Jane Marquez, Beth McCall, Emily Phelan, Diane Pink, Deirdre Pope, Susanne Reese, Vicki Richardson, Aldema Ridge, Delores Rizk, Judi Rosenthal, Rita Schoonmaker, Kathleen Strukoff, Sandra Ward, Lynda Whitehair and Mikayla Whitmore. Call (702) 229-1012 for more information or visit www.artslasvegas.org.

“Virasat” (Heritage) Exhibit**Artist Mario Kiran**

March 22-**April 25**, Wednesday-Friday, 12:30 to 9 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. **(note change)**

Free admission and open to the public.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., (702) 229-6383.

Originally from East India, Mario Kiran earned his master's degree in painting in South Dakota. His work is camouflaged with images of people he met and places he traveled. About his work he says, “When we embark on a journey to a foreign land, we meet new people, pass small towns and experience new cultures. Very rarely do we notice and remember the architecture, clothing, costumes and the spoken language of the small towns that we pass through. As for a plain man like myself, I relate my discoveries in a visual tale that my audiences are free to interpret with their own experiences.” This exhibit will include prints and mixed media constructions. Call (702) 229-1012 for more information or visit www.artslasvegas.org.

“Celebrating Life! 2012” (ages 50+)

Tues-Wed, April 24-25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. entry submission drop off.

Charleston Heights Arts Center, 800 S. Brush St., (702) 229-6383.

This is the 11th annual juried exhibit for Clark County resident artists age 50 and better. It is free to enter and each artist may only submit one entry. There are six media categories, each awarded first, second, third and honorable mention awards: Drawing/Pastel, Painting, Mixed Media, Photography, Sculpture and Ceramics, Watercolor and Gouache. There is also a best of show award. This program is sponsored by the city of Las Vegas Arts Commission. A prospectus will be available by early April. The awards reception and exhibition opening is set for May 25. For more detailed information about the program, awards, award ceremony and exhibition, visit www.artslasvegas.org or call 229-1012.

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